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New Methods for Improvement in Agriculture
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government is considering new methods for bringing about improvements in the fields of agriculture;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the extent to which these methods would prove useful;
(d) the time by when these methods would be implemented;
(e) whether NITI Aayog has prepared any blue print to bring improvements in agriculture; and
(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a to d) The Government has already implemented several new programmes to promote new methods for improving the productivity and profitability in the agriculture. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana (PMKSY) which embarks upon 'per drop more crop' has been implemented to enhance the water use efficiency. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) is implemented to cover the risk of crop failure and minimise the monetary loss to the farmers. Similarly, Paramparagat Krisahi Vikas Yojana and Organic Value Chain for North Eastern Region and Soil Health Cards Scheme are under implementation to promote organic farming and maintain soil health, respectively. To promote electronic mode of transactions of agricultural commodities, the electronic National Agriculture Market (eNAM) has been launched on 14th April, 2016.

(e & f) The NITI Aayog has suggested an index called Agricultural Marketing and Farmer Friendly Reforms Index (AMFFRI) to sensitise the States to bring reforms in agriculture. These market reforms are aimed to promote competition, efficiency, transparency, and removal of regulatory restrictions having adverse effect on producers. These reforms indicate the ease of doing agribusiness and range of choices and options granted to producers to sell his produce on a better price.